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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

First Named Inventor (or application identifier): Ira A. Gerson

Title of Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING AN INPUT SPEECH SIGNAL DURING PRESENTATION OF AN OUTPUT AUDIO SIGNAL

1. ☒ Specification 41 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 55 claims (10 independent)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
 - ☒ attached in the regular manner.
 - ☐ NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. ☒ 6 Distinct sheets of ☐ Formal ☒ Informal Drawings
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form 1449
 - ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☒ Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

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8. ☐ Priority document(s).
9. ☒ Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
10. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
☐ Computer Readable Copy.
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.

12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$760.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	35	18.00	\$630.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	7	78.00	\$546.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	260.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$1,936.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.5		\$968.00
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE			\$968.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	1	40.00	\$40.00
GRAND TOTAL DUE			\$1,008.00

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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING AN INPUT SPEECH SIGNAL DURING PRESENTATION OF AN OUTPUT AUDIO SIGNAL**

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- ☒ Filing Fee Check - \$1008.00
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING AN INPUT SPEECH

SIGNAL DURING PRESENTATION OF AN OUTPUT AUDIO SIGNAL

**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) AND § 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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Auvo Technologies, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN

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Schaumburg, Illinois 60193

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 121.12, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING AN INPUT SPEECH SIGNAL DURING PRESENTATION OF AN OUTPUT AUDIO SIGNAL

by inventor(s) Ira A. Gerson

described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith
☐ Application Serial No. _____ filed _____
☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____

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- ☒ No such person, concern or organization exists.
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October 4, 1999

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